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SUBJECT: LEFTIST POLEMICS AGAINST NIMETZ VISIT

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1. LEFTIST PARTIES, WHICH HAVE KEPT UP STEADY BARRAGE AGAINST CYPRUS
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VISIT OF COUNSELOR NIMETZ SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED, HAVE DELIVERED
ESPECIALLY HARSH CTITICISM OF VISIT IN PAST TWO DAYS. COMMUNIST
(AKEL) PARTY LEADER EZEKIAS PAPAIOANNOU IN PUBLIC SPEECH AT LIMASSOL
AUG 31 SAID NIMETZ WAS EMBODIMENT OF IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY AGAINST
CYPRUS. HE SAID EVERY PAT INITIATIVE BY US. HAD BEEN DIRECTED
AGAINST CYPRUS CAUSE; REPEATED COMMUNIST LINE THAT U.S. WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR GREEK JUNTA, 1974 COUP, AND TURKISH INVASION;

AND SUGGESTED U.S. WAS IN LEAGUE WITH CIRCLES IN GREECE AND CYPRUS WHICH WANTED TO BRING ABOUT DOUBLE ENOSIS. PAPAIOANNOU SAID U.S. ASSURANCES THAT NIMETZ VISIT WAS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD NOT BE BELIEVED SINCE U.S. HAD CONSISTENTLY TAKEN NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS.

2. IN SIMILAR VIEW, SOCIALIST MOUTHPIECE TA NEA EDITORIALIZED SEPT. 1 THAT NIMETZ VISIT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN CONTINUATION OF FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S POLICY ON CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO TA NEA, NIMETZ WOULD BRING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON ISSUES OF FAMAGUSTA AND REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT. SUCH PROPOSALS, SAID THE PAPER, CONSTITUTE SALAMI TACTICS AND SHOULD BE REJECTED IN FAVOR OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. IN RIGHT-WING GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS SEPT. 1 COMMON THEME WAS SKEPTICISM THAT NIMETZ VISIT IS "LOW-KEY" AND EXPLORATORY; PAPERS PERSIST IN BELIEF THAT COUNSELOR'S TRIP IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT AND THAT HE WILL BE CARRYING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS WAS QUIET ON SUBJECT: STONE

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